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In re Application of: A. MATSUSHIMA et al: Art Unit: 1756

Serial No. : 10/717,388

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Title : ELECTROSTATIC LATENT IMAGE
DEVELOPING TONER AND IMAGE
FORMING METHOD

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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This is in response to an Office Action dated December 1, 2004 in this Application. Attached hereto are Drawing Amendments, Specification Amendments, Claim Amendments and the Remarks each starting on a separate page.

by volume for the particle size range of 2.00-2.52 μm . EP '425 therefore specifically teaches that the colored particles at a size of approximately 2.5 μm are present in a volume% below the claimed range of 0.1-10%.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the present invention is patentable over EP '425.

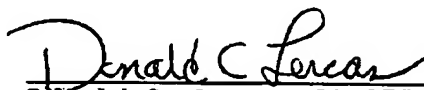
I. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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